BILLING CODE 6717-01-P DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Parker Knoll Hydro, LLC.

Project No. 13239-002

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING, SOLICITING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE AND PROTESTS, READY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PRESCRIPTIONS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Major Unconstructed Project

b. Project No.: 13239-002

c. Date filed: November 30, 2011

d. Applicant: Parker Knoll Hydro, LLC.

e. Name of Project: Parker Knoll Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project

- f. Location: The proposed project would be located at Parker Mountain, near the Town of Richfield, Piute County, Utah. The project would occupy 458.7 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 USC 791 (a) 825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Daniel Dygert, Attorney, Parker Knoll Hydro, LLC, 399 North Main Street, Suite 250, Logan, Utah; (435) 512-4977, dan@dygert-law.com
- i. FERC Contact: John Mudre, (202) 502-8902, john.mudre@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and

prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-13239-002.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.
- 1. The proposed project would be a closed-loop pumped storage system, with an initial fill from the existing Otter Creek reservoir, and would include the following new facilities: (1) an approximately 175-foot-high upper main dam with a crest length of approximately 1,650 feet and one saddle dam; (2) an upper reservoir with a storage capacity of approximately 6,780 acre-feet and a surface area of approximately 110 acres; (3) an approximately 100-foot-high lower dam with a crest length of approximately 1,750 feet and two saddle dams; (4) a lower reservoir with storage capacity of approximately 6,760 acre-feet and a surface area of approximately 130 acres; (5) a 2,390-foot-long and 27-foot-diameter headrace tunnel; (6) a 2,200-foot-long and 27-foot-diameter vertical shaft; (7) a 1,000-foot-long and 27-foot-diameter steel-lined penstock tunnel; (8) a 7,126foot-long and 35-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel; (9) a powerhouse containing four variable speed, reversible pump-turbine units with a minimum rating of 250 megawatt (MW); (10) an approximately 585-foot by 340-foot substation; (11) a 16-inch-diameter and 68,000foot-long fill pipeline and system; (12) approximately one mile of 345-kV transmission line; and (13) appurtenant facilities. The project would occupy 458.7 acres of federal land and would have an estimated annual generation of 2,630 gigawatt hours.
- m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online

Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h, above.

Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

- o. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.
- p. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Commission issues draft EIS Comments on draft EIS Commission issues final EIS December 2018 January 2019 June 2019

DATED: March 1, 2018

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2018-04604 Filed: 3/6/2018 8:45 am; Publication Date: 3/7/2018]